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Obituary of Alvin Pope

Alvin Pope was born in New York, May 23rd, 1824 and died in Red Cloud, December 2nd, 1913, at the age of 89 years, 6 months and 10 days. He was married August 30th, 1850 to Miss Margaret Olmstead. She was born in 1828 at Middleton, New York and later went to Northeast, Pennsylvania, and worked in a paper mill and became an expert in that line of work. It was there she met and was united in marriage to Mr. Pope. Later they moved to Wisconsin, then to Webster county, where Mrs. Pope died March 7, 1913, aged 85 years. To this union were born six sons, Charles, who died in infancy, Arthur, George, Clarence, Jay and Clifford. Arthur died at 52 years of age. He was a pioneer merchant and established the Pope hardware business. He served as county superintendent, also superintendent of public schools and was the father of our present City Mayor, Paul C. Pope, and was a distinguished and influential citizen. Arthur graduated from the State University of Wisconsin, located at Madison. Clifford Pope finished a course of study at Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wisconsin, and Clarence a State Normal Course at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. George and Jay were married in Wisconsin, Arthur in Minnesota. Clifford and Clarence at Blue Hill.

Mr. Alvin Pope was a man of fine scholarship and influence. He taught eleven terms of school, was superintendent of the city schools for four years, once a candidate for the Legislature, eight years a sailor on the Great Lakes and four years a captain of a sailing craft. He was an experienced farmer and for a while engaged in the manufacture of syrup. He came to Red Cloud in the spring of 1883. Later he bought a farm northwest of this city from McQuilkin and lived there for a short time. This farm is now owned by Mr. Fitz. He then moved to Blue Hill and about nineteen years ago moved to Red Cloud where he remained 'til life's journey was finished. He came from a sturdy stock of people—all noted for their long life and business activity. He was a believer in a Divine Ruler. There is a beautiful letter in his own handwriting, written to his wife when she was in Milwaukee taking treatment for impaired health, in which he recognizes prayer as a means of aid in distress. This letter indicates a keen mind and a sympathetic heart and will be preserved as a precious heirloom as long as his children live.

In the pioneer history of Wisconsin Mr. Pope received very honorable mention. In his younger days we find evidence of his great activity and industry and throughout his life his whole career was marked with almost unlimited generosity. He would divide his means of sustenance with anyone in need. He had a fraternal disposition. His hospitality was unlimited. He delighted in dividing his home comforts with other families less favorably situated. He enjoyed study and gave earnest attention to all questions relating to public good. He lived in the great construction period of American history and was not slow in contributing his influence to the welfare of the nation as well as the community where he lived. His long life is an indication of the purity of mind which influenced his existence. He was a clean, conscientious and useful citizen. The world has been blessed by his long life and manly example. For the last fifteen years he has been gradually failing. Since last June he has been confined to his bed and last Tuesday evening at six o'clock, the same hour his beloved wife, on March 7, 1913, departed this life, the shadows of death gathered over his frail and wasted form and the spirit of our aged neighbor, Alvin Pope, returned to God and we trust that the desire of his heart—the desire to be with his loved ones in heaven was granted. Here are we reminded that one year ago, the 4th day of this month, Winfred Pope, the much admired son of Jay Pope, was taken to the silent city. His last sister, Mary Ida Pope Parish, died May 4, 1919, at the age of 84 years. She was the thirteenth child among a family of two girls and eleven boys.

Alvin Pope died full years—rich in honor and the lustre of his name will abide on those who survive him. An aged brother, Nathaniel Pope, over 90 years of age, in Waupaca, Wisconsin, four sons, George, Jay, Clifford of Red Cloud and Clarence of Savannah, Georgia, twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends will feel keenly the loss of

a father and friend. The excellent qualities of the deceased seem to have been preserved in the children and grandchildren. Both success and fame seem to be the lot of these good people. I am sure that the sorrows of this day, however, will be greatly lessened by the distinguished son of George Pope, Captain Ralph Pope, who comes at this sad hour to aid in comforting the many hearts touched with grief. While we look and listen the spirit of the dead whisper back for our consolation these words: "This body is my house, it is not I. Herein I sojourned till in the far off sky

I leased a fairer dwelling, built to last Till all the carpentry of time is past. When from heaven high I view this lone star What need I care where these poor timbers are? What if these crumbling walls do go back to dust and loam? I now have exchanged them for a broader, better home. This body is my house, it is not I. In this faith men shall live and men shall die." Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the C. J. Pope residence, in charge of Rev. J. L. Beebe.

The Cult of Fashion.
 Young lady at the theater to friend: "What do you think of this play, my dear?" "Why, it's absurd! Three soliloquies are supposed to pass between the first and second acts, and the heroine's still got the same hat on!"

Nature's Unchanging Rule.
 Latent genius is but a presumption. Everything that can be is bound to come into being, and what never comes into being is nothing.—Amiel.

What Eve Missed.
 Furthermore, Eve might never have harkened to the voice of the tempter if she had had a movie to go to.—Dallas News.

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